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USS Porter (DDG 78) Correction to the Record

NORFOLK, Va. -- Local media outlets in Hampton Roads have reported that the Commanding Officer of the Norfolk-based guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) was relieved of his duties following the ship's collision with a merchant vessel Sunday morning near the Strait of Hormuz. The reports of the commanding officer's relief are incorrect.

Porter transited under its own power to Jebel Ali, UAE and is now pier side for assessment and repair. The incident is under investigation.

The crew of USS Porter is doing everything they can to recover from the collision and get the ship back to full operational capability. They are doing so with assistance and direction from the Fleet, Type and System Commanders.

The crew of USS Porter is being provided air-conditioned berthing accommodations, as well as additional health assessment and religious ministry support.

USS Porter is on a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility to conduct maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

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